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## Hwy 147 Reconstruction Begins

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The signs tell the story of detours. News-Tribune Photo by Ron Taleronik

By now you could not help noticing all those detour signs. Highway 147 from the intersection of Highway 163 west to the intersection of county truck R is under construction.

The Detour route began at noon on Wednesday, April 20 (not April 19th as previously reported by The News-Tribune). Drivers will be directed to Mishicot from I-43, east through Francis Creek on County Trunk V, to the intersection of county Trunk B, then north into the village. This inconvenience is to last until October 31, the anticipated completion of the project.

Utility work has been underway for some time. The next scheduled work is tree and shrub clearing and grubbing in preparation for grading. Valleys will be filled, hills reduced, and intersection crossings improved to increase visibility and safety.

Paul Vraney, of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Green Bay district is the project designer. According to Vraney, the approximate cost of the entire reconstruction will be just over four million dollars. The West Twin River Bridge will be replaced at a cost of near \$350,000. Mishicot bill for improvements within the village limits will be approximately \$310,000. Local Taxpayers will be responsible for 32% of that amount, with the remainder funded by the state.

The total length of road under reconstruction is 7.2 miles. The rural portion will widen the road to 24 feet to accommodate two lanes of traffic. The shoulders will be six feet, three feet of which will be paved. Within village limits, the road will widen to 44 feet to provide for two lanes of traffic and two paved parking lanes. Sidewalks four feet wide will be added, as will new storm sewers. Between the curb and sidewalk a four foot strip of sod will be planted.

There will be inconvenience and delays due to the renovation of Hwy 147, but taxpayers will be rewarded for their patience with a safer stretch of rural highway and a much improved western entrance into the Mishicot limits.